

I favor adoption of RM-10352 for the following reasons:

1. A band plan would help to prevent disputes between operators.
2. A band plan would afford digital modes protection from interference by other modes.
3. Digital mode QSO's are often scheduled by prior arrangement, particularly during the development phase of a new mode. Without a band plan, scheduling becomes more problematic, slowing the development and adoption of new digital modes.
4. A band plan also helps users of other modes by protecting them from interference and giving them a known band segment in which to pursue QSO's with others operating in the same mode.
5. A band plan would make 160m consistent with other HF bands, which would hopefully simplify administrative and enforcement issues for the FCC.
6. A band plan provides the above mentioned benefits, without inconvenience AM/SSB users. The band segment above 1.9 MHz is rarely used by voice-mode operators, even during contests, indicating that sufficient bandwidth is available for a dedicated digital mode segment.

Thank you,

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